

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

- (1) Add the following new paragraph at page 1, line 20, immediately before the BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION section:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This Application is a divisional of United States Patent Application, Serial No. 09/890,030, presently pending, which is the 35 U.S.C. § 371 National Stage Application of International Application Number PCT/US00/29722 filed October 27, 2000, which designated the United States, claiming priority to United States Provisional Patent Application Serial Number 60/161,717 filed October 27, 1999. Each of the foregoing Applications is commonly assigned to the Assignee of the present invention.

- (2) Amend the following sentence at page 12, lines 12-14 as follows:

Fig. 15 is a scanning electron micrograph showing large (0.1 ~~mm~~ μm) ropes formed by processing SWNT in oleum according to one embodiment of the present invention.

- (3) Amend the following sentence at page 16, lines 10-11 as follows:

When oleum-treated SWNT material is removed ~~removed~~ from suspension, filtered and dried, very large ropes of 0.1 ~~mm~~ μm diameter are observed.

- (4) Amend the following sentence at page 16, lines 18-20 as follows:

During the “roping” process, this increased mobility enables the formation of ordered “super-ropes” of SWNT which are themselves a fraction of a ~~micron~~ micron in dimension as shown in Fig. 15.